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DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR CITIES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop solar cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the financial assistance to be provided for each solar city; and

(d) the target set for generation of solar energy by these cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY(SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has introduced a new Scheme on 'Development of Solar Cities'. It is aimed at encouraging and assisting the urban local bodies in assessing their present energy consumption and future demand, setting targets, and preparing Master Plans for energy generation and saving through energy efficiency measures and renewable energy installations. 60 cities are proposed to be developed as Solar Cities, one in each State, with a maximum of five cities in a State during the 11th Plan period.

(c): The Scheme provides for financial assistance of upto Rs.50 lakhs per city for preparation of the Master Plan and for other support measures.

(d): The Master Plans will aim to achieve minimum 10% reduction in projected total demand of conventional energy at the end of five years.